IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Mehrdad Nikoonahad et al.

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Optical System for Measuring Samples Using Short Wavelength

Radiation

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time within which to respond to the November 30, 2006 outstanding Office Action, such extension allowing the undersigned until January 3, 2007 to respond, as December 30, 2006 was a Saturday and Monday, January 2, 2007 and Tuesday, January 3, 2007 were National Holidays. The fee of \$120.00 has been authorized via EFS to Deposit Account 502664. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 502664.

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Respectfully submitted,

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January 3, 2007

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